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## RIDER RCA - REGULATORY CAPACITY ASSURANCE

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of Rider RCA – Regulatory Capacity Assurance (Rider RCA) is to equitably recover costs associated with ensuring sufficient capacity for the availability of Rider RTP-L – Real-Time Pricing – Large (Rider RTP-L).

#### APPLICABILITY

This Rider is applicable to Rate DS-4 – Large General Delivery Service (Rate DS-4) Customers taking power and energy supply under Rider RTP-L and/or from an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier (ARES) or Retail Electric Supplier (RES) (collectively RES).

# PRICING METHODOLOGY

All Rate DS-4 Customers, as defined in the Applicability section of this Rider, shall be billed a non-bypassable monthly Regulatory Capacity Assurance Charge for the availability of electric power and energy supply service under Rider RTP-L.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Capacity Obligation Period** 

Capacity Obligation Period means the period of time from January 2, 2007, through May 31, 2007, for the development of capacity obligation costs for the initial Capacity Obligation Period and the period from June 1 through May 31 for each subsequent Capacity Obligation Period.

# **Peak Demand Capacity Requirements**

Peak Demand Capacity Requirements means the capacity obtained through contractual agreements to meet the MW-Day capacity requirements, as defined in Rider MV – Market Value of Power and Energy (Rider MV), of Customers served under Rider RTP-L for the Capacity Obligation Period.

Reserve Capacity

Reserve Capacity means the base amount of capacity acquired and held to ensure the availability of electric power and energy supply service under Rider RTP-L, but not to exceed 200 MW for the entire Ameren Illinois footprint.



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Retail charges computed in accordance with this rider become operational and are applicable for service provided on and after January 2, 2007. Electric Service Schedule III. C. C. No. 18

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## CALCULATION OF THE REGULATORY CAPACITY ASSURANCE CHARGE

The calculation and application of the Regulatory Capacity Assurance Charge (RCAC) provides the mechanism necessary for the Company to equitably recover costs for ensuring sufficient capacity for the availability of Rider RTP-L service are provided, Reserve Capacity as well as Peak Demand Capacity Requirements.

The RCAC for Customers eligible for Rider RTP-L will be determined as follows:

$$RCAC = \left[\frac{(RCC \pm RCCADJ \pm CCCADJ \pm O)x100}{E}\right]$$

Where:

- RCAC = Regulatory Capacity Assurance Charge for Customers, in ¢/kWh rounded to the nearest 0.001¢/kWh, to be applied to the energy in the monthly Billing Period.
  - The Reserve Capacity Costs, in dollars, acquired and held for Customers eligible for service under Rider RTP-L for the Capacity Obligation Period. For the initial Capacity Obligation Period, the Reserve Capacity Charge will be established by assessing a monthly charge of \$0.00015 per kWh to all Customers on Rate DS-4 to which this Rider is applicable.
- Reserve Capacity Costs Adjustment, in dollars, represents an addition to RCCADJ =or an offset to the Reserve Capacity Costs, as defined above, to reflect differences between the actual results for the prior period as compared to the actual costs incurred by the Company for the prior Capacity Obligation Period.
- Contracted Capacity Cost Adjustment, in dollars, represents an addition CCCADJ = to or an offset to the Regulatory Capacity Assurance Charge based upon the over or under recovery of costs at the end of the Capacity Obligation Period as provided in the Contract Capacity Charge section of Appendix B to Rider MV. Any over- or under-recovery of actual Contracted Capacity Costs Adjustment may be amortized to minimize impacts.



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- O = An amount representing the additional over or under recovery ordered by the Commission to be refunded or collected, including interest charged at the rate established by the Commission under 83 Ill. Adm. Code 280.70(e)(1) from the date at which the over or under recovery was improperly flowed through the MVAF to the date of the Commission decision that a Factor O was warranted. The Commission may determine that it is appropriate to amortize the additional over or under recovery amount over a defined time period with interest.
- E = Energy, in kWh, forecasted for Rate DS-4 Customers eligible to take Company-supplied power and energy under the LRTP Category of Service as defined in Rider MV. Effective month shall mean the month following the filing month during which the RCAC will be in effect.

**Annual Regulatory Capacity Assurance Report** 

The Company shall prepare an annual report that summarizes the operation of the Regulatory Capacity Assurance Charge mechanisms for the previous Capacity Obligation Period. Such report shall be submitted to the ICC in an informational filing, with copies of such report provided to the Manager of the Staff's Accounting Department and the Director of the Staff's Financial Analysis Division by August 31, beginning in 2007. Such report shall be verified by an officer of the Company.

# **Internal Audit Report**

The Company shall perform an annual internal audit of costs and revenues recorded under Rider RCA and submit such reports to the Manager of the Commission's Accounting Department with a confidential copy to the Chief Clerk by the end of August, beginning in 2007. The Company may include the Internal Audit Report as part of the Annual Regulatory Capacity Assurance Report to the Commission.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Regulatory Capacity Assurance Charge will be filed with the ICC by the 20th day of the month prior to the start of the monthly billing period it is to be applied. The filed rate shall remain in effect until changed in a subsequent informational filing. The Company shall submit all applicable work papers necessary to support the determinations of the filings.

Provisions for Reserve Capacity under this Rider shall cease after May 31, 20080 9 2006

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